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MC CARTHY HEARING ON UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEDULED FOR TODAY AT CITY HALL

STEELWORKERS WIN LONG FIGHT WITH INDUSTRY - LOCAL 301'S CONTRIBUTION: \$5,154.65

500,000 militant Steelworkers who stuck to their guns during the 116 day Steel Strike, finally won their point as the giant Steel Industry capitulated to their just demands.

The final settlement resulted in a 39¢ wage package spread over a period of 2½ years including many improvements in social benefits such as pensions, etc. The discussion on changes in the work rules has been shelved and a Union-Management Committee will be set up for further study. The union will not be bound to any solutions or conditions reported by this joint body. Mr. Cooper, spokesman for the Steel Industry, would not comment on any contemplated rise in steel prices, it was reported.

The members of Local 301 are to be commended for their wholehearted support of the Steelworkers. A total of \$5,154.65 was collected and forwarded to the strikers and their families who took such a heroic stand in behalf of the entire labor movement. Well over 16 million AFL-CIO union members from all over the country, who rallied in support behind them, joined the Steelworkers and their families in rejoicing over the victory.

THE REAL ISSUE in the Steel Dispute was not monetary; it was the insistence of the Big Steel Corporations to "take away" practically all the gains labor has made over the past 25 years and to force the working men and women of America to accept the same abuses which they fought so hard to rid themselves of over the years. These gains were won with the sweat, blood and sacrifice of millions of American working men and women. The labor movement showed by their unified strength that these gains cannot be erased by a single "stroke of the pen"...

A special on-the-spot investigation by the McCarthy Senate Committee on Unemployment is scheduled to take place at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Schenectady, today. The investigation is intended to include our County and the entire Mohawk Valley in an effort to get at the source of the unemployment problem here and to recommend Federal Legislation to remedy it.

Leo Jandreau, President of the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Sch'dy. Area, will represent that body with a statement covering the overall picture for the Schenectady Area. He will introduce John Shambo, who will represent Local 301, IUE. Shambo will elaborate on the unemployment picture at General Electric over the past 5-6 years and recommend measures which should be taken to correct this situation. Other representatives of labor who will testify before the Committee include: David Danzig, Steelworkers; Fred Krokenberger, Textile; Clarence Hollenbeck, Clothing Workers and others.

Rep. Stratton and Senator Keating will head the list of political representatives who will attend the hearings. Representatives of religious, civic, industrial and other groups will also appear to lend their testimony and knowledge to the on-the-spot investigation.

LM&G STATEMENTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY CLARIFIED

While a recent article in the Employee News Bulletin, published by the LM&G Dept., under the heading "Get Prepared for Another Boost in Social Security Tax", stressed the increase in the Social Security payments for 1960, the gains and improvements in our GE Pension Plan which was negotiated by our union cushioned these payments and provided further benefits to its members. This article went on to say that as of Jan. 1, 1960, there would be a boost to employees of ½ of one per cent on the first \$4800 of earnings. The article also stated a like amount would have to be paid on the first \$4800 of these earnings by the Company. They neglected to
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